

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided to the present application. Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-28 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 20-28 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1, 7 and 20 are independent. Reconsideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-19 have been previously allowed by the Examiner. Claims 20-28 have been added for the Examiner's consideration and are directed at the embodiment(s) described at pages 14-22 of the present application.

CONCLUSION

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Matthew T. Shanley, Registration No. 47,074 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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